CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Sep.'85*	Aug.'85**	Sep.'84**	Sep.'85*	Aug.'85**	Sep.'84**	Sep.'85*	Aug.'85**	Sep.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,500	64,200	64,200	102,500	103,300	103,000	401,800	395,400	388,700
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,300	2,600	6,000	5,500	4,700	18,700	17,900	13,200
Percent Unemployed	5.1	5.1	4.0	5.9	5.3	4.6	4.7	4.5	3.4
Total Employment 2/	61,200	60,900	61,600	96,500	97,800	98,300	383,100	377,500	375,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	171,900	174,000	180,200	83,500	84,100	85,100	92,700	93,000	93,500
Total Unemployment	23,300	23,600	19,200	7,200	7,300	5,000	12,900	12,100	12,300
Percent Unemployed	13.6	13.6	10.7	8.6	8.7	5.9	13.9	13.0	13.2
Total Employment 2/	148,600	150,400	161,000	76,300	76,800	80,100	79,800	80,900	81,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,900	58,200	58,800	172,800	172,800	170,100	1,321.0	1,330.3	1,316.2
Total Unemployment	2,900	2,800	2,100	16,000	15,500	13,500	67.3	64.8	49.1
Percent Unemployed	5.0	4.8	3.6	9.3	9.0	7.9	5.1	4.9	3.7
Total Employment 2/	55,000	55,400	56,700	156,800	157,300	156,600	1,253.7	1,265.5	1,267.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	208,500	206,900	205,600	624,600	628,300	609,000	97,700	97,900	95,700
Total Unemployment	22,200	21,600	20,700	34,800	31,700	24,100	10,800	10,300	8,700
Percent Unemployed	10.6	10.4	10.1	5.6	5.0	4.0	11.1	10.5	9.1
Total Employment 2/	186,300	185,300	184,900	589,800	596,600	584,900	86,900	87,600	87,000
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,689.6	1,708.6	1,678.3	81,000	81,400	78,400	38,800	39,200	38,900
Total Unemployment	131.9	129.3	107.7	6,400	5,500	4,200	5,200	5,200	5,900
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.6	6.4	7.9	6.8	5.4	13.4	13.3	15.2
Total Employment 2/	1,557.7	1,579.3	1,570.6	74,600	75,900	74,200	33,600	34,000	33,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSI		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,800	78,300	78,800	114,400	114,200	113,400	118,000	115,500	116,300
Total Unemployment	7,900	7,600	6,200	6,500	6,400	5,700	25,100	23,600	25,000
Percent Unemployed	10.2	9.7	7.9	5.7	5.6	5.0	21.3	20.4	21.5
Total Employment 2/	69,900	70,700	72,600	107,900	107,800	107,700	92,900	91,900	91,300
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,100	65,500	66,000	67,900	69,200	69,200	51,100	51,500	51,600
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,200	2,500	4,300	4,100	3,300	2,600	2,500	2,700
Percent Unemployed	5.0	4.9	3.8	6.3	5.9	4.8	5.1	4.9	5.2
Total Employment 2/	60,900	62,300	63,500	63,600	65,100	65,900	48,500	49,000	49,000
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	543,400	546,700	537,600	43,500	43,500	43,000	53,100	53,300	51,900
Total Unemployment	35,400	32,700	27,000	3,400	3,000	2,100	5,100	4,900	3,900
Percent Unemployed	6.5	6.0	5.0	7.8	6.9	4.9	9.6	9.2	7.5
Total Employment 2/	508,000	514,000	510,600	40,100	40,500	40,900	48,000	48,400	47,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,300	82,900	81,600	38,200	38,700	39,300	93,400	93,700	94,000
Total Unemployment	5,500	6,600	3,600	2,600	2,500	2,100	5,000	5,400	4,300
Percent Unemployed	6.7	8.0	4.4	6.8	6.5	5.3	5.4	5.8	4.6
Total Employment 2/	76,800	76,300	78,000	35,600	36,200	37,200	88,400	88,300	90,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,700	62,100	63,500				7,996.6	8,044.5	7,959.1
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,300	3,300				577.1	559.8	463.3
Percent Unemployed	5.3	5.3	5.2				7.2	7.0	5.8
Total Employment 2/	58,400	58,800	60,200				7,419.5	7,484.7	7,495.8

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep.± 1985	Aug. 1985	Sep. 1984	Sep.± 1985	Aug. 1985	Sep. 1984	Sep.± 1985	Aug. 1985	Sep. 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 392.59	$ 387.81	$ 379.54	41.5	41.3	41.8	$ 9.46	$ 9.39	$ 9.08
Durable Goods	389.16	383.88	371.60	41.8	41.5	41.8	9.31	9.25	8.89
Lumber & Wood Products	278.11	275.20	260.57	40.6	40.0	39.6	6.85	6.88	6.58
Furniture & Fixtures	252.73	254.47	225.02	39.8	40.2	38.4	6.35	6.33	5.86
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	390.12	386.96	356.44	45.1	45.1	43.1	8.65	8.58	8.27
Primary Metal Industries	434.70	435.14	411.10	42.0	41.8	41.4	10.35	10.41	9.93
Fabricated Metal Products	364.27	361.84	351.46	41.3	41.4	41.3	8.82	8.74	8.51
Machinery, exc. Electric	403.62	396.34	389.48	42.0	41.2	42.8	9.61	9.62	9.10
Oil Field Machinery	468.95	467.52	500.48	41.5	41.3	46.0	11.30	11.32	10.88
Electric & Electronic Equip.	413.50	403.74	417.64	40.9	40.7	43.1	10.11	9.92	9.69
Transportation Equipment	526.21	514.92	495.52	42.3	42.0	42.1	12.44	12.26	11.77
Instruments & Related Prod.	337.02	321.59	291.30	41.0	39.9	39.1	8.22	8.06	7.45
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	248.98	261.29	277.89	39.9	40.7	40.1	6.24	6.42	6.93
Nondurable Goods	396.47	392.78	389.06	41.0	41.0	41.7	9.67	9.58	9.33
Food & Kindred Products	338.98	337.08	343.66	42.8	42.4	44.4	7.92	7.95	7.74
Meat Products	287.71	277.44	299.99	43.2	42.1	45.8	6.66	6.59	6.55
Malt Beverages	794.38	844.19	704.47	47.2	50.1	44.7	16.83	16.85	15.76
Textile Mill Products	289.67	291.13	268.66	41.8	42.5	40.4	6.93	6.85	6.65
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	189.64	192.55	186.00	36.4	37.1	37.5	5.21	5.19	4.96
Paper & Allied Products	441.38	444.36	439.04	41.6	42.0	44.8	10.61	10.58	9.80
Printing & Publishing	373.20	372.37	359.96	40.0	40.3	40.4	9.33	9.24	8.91
Chemicals & Allied Products	625.65	618.55	605.35	43.0	42.6	42.6	14.55	14.52	14.21
Petroleum & Coal Products	606.16	580.32	597.24	42.3	41.9	42.0	14.33	13.85	14.22
Petroleum Refining	626.46	597.91	617.61	42.3	41.9	42.1	14.81	14.27	14.67
Leather & Leather Products	229.10	232.13	207.16	39.5	40.3	36.6	5.80	5.76	5.66
Other Nondurable Goods	377.10	376.55	362.95	41.9	41.7	42.7	9.00	9.03	8.50
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	484.27	479.68	484.53	43.2	42.6	46.5	11.21	11.26	10.42
Oil & Gas Extraction	485.74	479.97	488.37	43.1	42.4	46.6	11.27	11.32	10.48
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	451.19	450.91	406.16	45.3	45.5	44.1	9.96	9.91	9.21
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	478.00	476.41	438.13	39.9	39.8	39.4	11.98	11.97	11.12
Elec., Gas & San. Services	472.58	461.37	433.88	40.6	40.4	40.1	11.64	11.42	10.82
Wholesale & Retail Trade	230.16	231.07	229.15	32.6	33.2	33.6	7.06	6.96	6.82
Wholesale Trade	377.85	374.80	369.72	39.9	40.0	40.1	9.47	9.37	9.22
Retail Trade	183.62	185.67	183.65	30.3	31.1	31.5	6.06	5.97	5.83
General Merchandise Stores	180.22	180.60	160.03	29.4	29.9	29.8	6.13	6.04	5.37
Banking	282.17	268.22	267.84	39.3	38.1	39.1	7.18	7.04	6.85

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 386.14	$ 381.71	$ 357.20	41.7	41.4	41.2	$ 9.26	$ 9.22	$ 8.67
Durable Goods	403.80	399.23	371.01	41.5	41.5	41.5	9.73	9.62	8.94
Nondurable Goods	347.75	341.53	327.24	42.1	41.0	40.5	8.26	8.33	8.08
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	397.57	394.70	367.02	41.5	41.2	41.1	9.58	9.58	8.93
Durable Goods	418.08	415.00	378.22	41.6	41.5	40.8	10.05	10.00	9.27
Nondurable Goods	348.57	345.47	338.97	41.3	40.5	41.9	8.44	8.53	8.09
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	477.12	468.00	471.29	42.6	42.2	43.8	11.20	11.09	10.76
Durable Goods	424.84	413.27	420.27	43.0	42.3	44.1	9.88	9.77	9.53
Nondurable Goods	550.71	542.64	542.01	42.2	42.0	43.5	13.05	12.92	12.46
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	293.38	293.22	276.08	40.3	40.5	40.6	7.28	7.24	6.80
Durable Goods	308.07	315.14	303.89	41.8	42.3	41.8	7.37	7.45	7.27
Nondurable Goods	278.58	270.59	248.22	38.8	38.6	39.4	7.18	7.01	6.30

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

including motion pictures, as many amusement parks closed for the winter, and in business and repair services, where many students worked during the summer. Jobs were also deleted in construction; and oil and gas extraction activity continued to decline, pushing employment in mining down once again. Downturns were also widespread in manufacturing, which dropped by 3,300 over the month.

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The durable goods sector recorded the largest over-the-month decline, with two large decreases and several smaller ones. The continued slowdown in the manufacture of computer components adversely affected two major industries in September -- electric and electronic equipment lost 2,000 jobs and nonelectrical machinery dropped 1,300 positions. These declines, along with smaller ones scattered within durable goods, left the sector as a whole 3,100 positions short of its August level. Nondurable goods fared little better, as a sizeable increase recorded in food and kindred was more than offset by a moderate decline in apparel and other finished textile products and smaller losses in several other sectors, dropping the sector by 200 over the month.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

There were 657,000 Texas manufacturing production workers in September, a decrease of 2,000 from the August level. The average production worker in September earned $9.46 an hour for a 41.5-hour week, for a total of $392.59 per week. Average weekly hours rose by only 0.2 hour over the month, and the September average was 0.3 hour below the year-ago level of 41.8 hours worked per week. Average hourly earnings increased by 7¢ between August and September and were up 38¢ over the year. The gain in hourly earnings between September 1984 and September 1985 pushed average weekly earnings up by $13.05, despite fewer hours worked during the current month.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
Third Quarter 1985
(July-September)

Abilene	625,977
Amarillo	1,416,399
Austin	3,599,924
Beaumont-Port Arthur	8,639,687
Brazoria PMSA	2,307,977
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,538,593
Bryan-College Station	697,794
Corpus Christi	4,292,420
Dallas PMSA	15,391,916
El Paso	4,260,278
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	7,241,414
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	3,179,174
Houston PMSA	41,540,012
Killeen-Temple	801,307
Laredo	923,480
Longview-Marshall	2,288,656
Lubbock	1,669,648
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	4,608,958
Midland	808,760
Odessa	1,159,071
San Angelo	386,061
San Antonio	6,639,322
Sherman-Denison	1,160,993
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	717,461
Tyler	1,724,934
Victoria	686,524
Waco	1,222,622
Wichita Falls	779,790

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sep. 1985	Sep. 1984
Total Population	16,298,600	16,033,400*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.3
UI Covered Employers	312,093	304,741
Total Claims Actions	427,497	368,084
Total Initial Claims Actions	59,936	53,329
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	367,561	314,755
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$144.08	$133.14
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$48,483,535	$38,830,719
Total Placements	37,751	45,130

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.